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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 4, after "This application", please insert: *is a division of U.S. Patent 6,228,644*
Patent Application Serial No. 09/120,663, filed July 22, 1998, and --.

Page 38, line 2, delete ", and the operon, *dspE*".

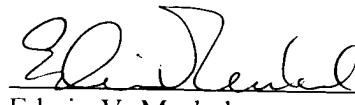
Page 40, line 25, delete "competing" and insert --completing--.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-16 and 29-37.

Respectfully submitted,

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